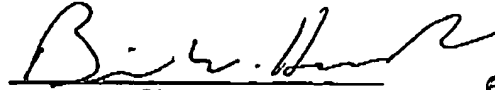


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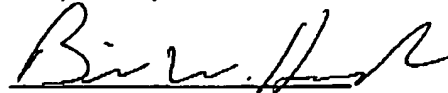
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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between Group I, Claims 1-4, and Group II, Claims 5-12. Applicant elects the Group II claims, (Claims 5-12).

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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